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MEANWHILE, THE INVENTION PIRATES HAVE BEEN LURKING OUTSIDE GIZMO'S LAB...







## Roffankeddy NEW-FANGLED FELLAS






AND SO, BACK HOME...


"Well, swoggle my eyeballs!" Cap'n Pete exclaimed with surprise as he flew over the ocean. "There's a shipwrecked parrot in a cage down there. If he doesn't get out of that ,trap, he's liable to drown!"

The salty pelican swooped to a landing on top of a pile of wreckage and tried to open the door of the cage.
"Thanks for coming to my rescue, but it's no use, friend," the parrot in the cage sighed glumly. "The door got jammed when my master tossed me up here after our ship went down in that storm yesterday. Everybody was saved except me,"
"Don't give up hope, matey," Cap'n Pete grunted. "Sometimes the toughest problems have the easiest answers."

Cap'n Pete struggled, but to no avail. The door of the cage refused to budge.
"If we don't get you out of this thing soon, you're going to be in real trouble," he sighed at last. "I see another storm coming. The waves will be high enough to tip you over pretty soon. It's a wonder you survived the first storm."
"The cage is made of metal and is quite heavy, so it doesn't tip very easily," the parrot explained. "But it sure slides around a lot on these slick planks."
"I'll fly around and see if I can find a piece of driftwood to pry that blasted door open with," Cap'n Pete suggested.
"Hurry!" the parrot coaxed anxiously, looking at the dark sky.

Cap'n Pete took off and flew far and wide in search of a suitable board or branch. By the time he had located one and flown back to the parrot, the storm had broken loose and was lashing the ocean into towering waves.

He fell to work immediately.
"Hurry! Hurry!" the parrot squawked. "The cage is slipping on the planks again. I'll go overboard any minutel"

Cap'n Pete redoubled his efforts on the door. "Ughl" he grunted. "I've got the board between the bars of the cage, but I can't get enough pressure to budge it."

At that moment, a huge wave broke on top of the two birds. The parrot's cage was washed to the edge of the wreckage. Cap'n Pete seized one of the cage bars in his beak and hooked his feet between the planks. Only his prompt action prevented the cage from sliding overboard.
"If this fool contraption weren't so heavy, I'd just pick it up and fly away with you," he gasped when the wave had passed.

Cap'n Pete stared hard at the cage for a moment. "Well, blow me down!" he stormed, pecking at the base of the cage with his beak. "Here comes another big wave. I'm going to grab the top of the cage and help tip it over. You be ready to fly!"

Before the parrot could say a single word, the wave crashed on top of them. Cap'n Pete heaved. The cage tipped over, and suddenly the parrot was free.
"Wh-what happened?" the parrot sputtered as the two birds began to fly towards a distant island.
"The top of the cage was held to the bottom with a couple of simple hooks," Cap'n Pete chuckled. "All I did was unhook the blasted things. The wave helped me to tip the top over, and then you were free. I told you there was probably a simple answer to that problem, but shiver-my-timbers, even I didn't dream it would be that simple!"





## Ruffankeddy THE CROCOOILE DILEMMA



Finally...hours later...



SHH-H! WE'LL DRAW HIM INTO THE JUNGLE... THEN WORK OUR WAY BACK ; TO OUR BOAT AGAIN, AND MAKE







